

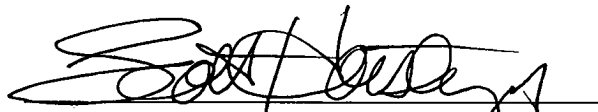
REMARKS

The Decision on Appeal sustained the rejections of claims 1-11, 13, 14, 16-23, 27-32, 35-39, and 41-55 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting, but did not sustain the rejections of claims 1-11, 13, 14, 16-23, 27-32, 35-39, and 41-55 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over *Ross* (U.S. Patent No. 5,648,770) in view of *Bolger* (U.S. Patent No. 5,168,451).

Accordingly, Applicant believes that the rejections of claims 1-11, 13, 14, 16-23, 27-32, 35-39, and 41-55 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting are overcome through the terminal disclaimers filed herewith. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the double patenting rejections are moot in light of the filed terminal disclaimers.

Therefore, based upon the Decision on Appeal, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-11, 13, 14, 16-23, 27-32, 35-39, and 41-55 are in immediate condition for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issuance. If the Examiner believes that claims 1-11, 13, 14, 16-23, 27-32, 35-39, and 41-55 are not in condition for allowance in light of the filed terminal disclaimers, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to promptly notify Applicant's undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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